

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

Claims 1-50 (canceled).

1           Claim 51 (previously presented): A stand on which an optical reader, which includes a  
2   read window through which scanning light is emitted and a grip enabling a user to grasp said  
3   optical reader, and which scans a mark borne by an article using scanning light emitted through  
4   said read window, detects light reflected from said mark, and thus reads information, is mounted,  
5   comprising:

6           a stand member on which said optical reader is mounted in such a manner that said grip  
7   of said optical reader extends laterally beyond a lateral side of said stand member;

8           a holder section in which said grip is mounted so that said grip can be dismounted freely;  
9   and

10          a base for supporting said holder section so that said holder section can pivot,

11          said stand member having a tongue, which is inserted into said holder section so that said  
12   tongue can be removed freely, on a bottom thereof.

Claims 52-55 (canceled).

1        Claim 56 (previously presented): An optical unit, comprising:  
2        an optical part having first and second stems formed coaxially on opposite edges thereof  
3        and a third stem formed in parallel with said second stem on one of the edges thereof; and  
4        a frame on which said optical part is mounted, and which includes a first bearing having a  
5        slit shape into which said first stem is fitted, a second bearing into which said second stem is  
6        fitted, and a third elongated bearing into which said third stem is fitted and which forms an arc  
7        with said second bearing as a center.

Claims 57-59 (canceled).

1        Claim 60 (previously presented): A stand on which an optical reader, which includes a  
2        read window through which scanning light is emitted and a grip enabling a user to grasp said  
3        optical reader, and which scans a mark borne by an article using scanning light emitted through  
4        said read window, detects light reflected from said mark, and thus reads information, is mounted,  
5        comprising:  
6        a stand member on which said optical reader is mounted in such a manner that said grip  
7        of said optical reader extends laterally beyond a lateral side of said stand member;

8           a holder section in which said grip is mounted so that said grip can be dismounted freely;  
9       and  
10          a base for supporting said holder section,  
11          said stand member having a tongue, which is inserted into said holder second so that said  
12       tongue can be removed freely, on a bottom thereof.

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